

VI. GENERAL FUND AND MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE FUND

A.2 Library Services Improvement Fund Request

Digital Recording Booth

In 2005 we purchased a digital recording booth to give us the capacity to record materials for the Talking Book Service that meet the standards of the National Library Service. That booth is now fully scheduled, with narrators, monitors, and reviewers using it all hours the agency is open. The number of books recorded each year has doubled but a backlog of titles to be recorded remains. Both the quantity and quality of our locally recorded books will increase with additional recording space.

The estimated cost for a second booth, which will be placed in the existing recording studio, is \$30,000. This includes purchase and installation of the recording booth; all necessary computer and recording equipment, software, and cabling; furniture; and any modifications needed in the existing recording studio.

We anticipate paying for this project with TBS donations deposited in the Miscellaneous Revenue fund and larger TBS donations deposited in the Library Services Improvement Fund. Board approval is needed for expenditures from the latter.

Suggested motion: I move that expenditures of up to \$12,200 from the Library Services Improvement Fund be approved for the purchase, installation, and provisioning of a digital recording booth in the State Library building.

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